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In re Application of:

Pamukcu et al.

Serial No.

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Title: METHOD OF INHIBITING NEOPLASTIC

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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Please enter the following amendments before calculating the filing fees in this case.

## In the Specification:

On page 2, before "Background of the Invention": insert -- This application is a Continuation of prior U.S. Application Serial No. 09/199,864 entitled "Method of Inhibiting Neoplastic Cells with Benzimidazole Derivatives," which is incorporated herein by reference. --

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